

# **INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**

## **AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 11, 2007

**TIME:** 2:30 EST

**LOCATION:** NATIONAL CITY CENTER, SOUTH TOWER  
115 WEST WASHINGTON, SUITE 1165  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

- 1) **Approval of Minutes from 12/14/2006 Meeting**
  - *Approved [see Website under "About the Public Defender Commission"]*
- 2) **Task Force to Study Indigent Defense in Indiana**
- 3) **2006-2007 Annual Report**
  - *Approved for Distribution [see Website under "Publications"]*
- 4) **Financial Status of Public Defense Fund**
  - *Commission expresses appreciation to Chief Justice Shepard for his letter to the members of the Ways and Means Committee for additional funding of Public Defense Fund*
- 5) **Requests for 50% Reimbursement in Capital Cases**
  - *Requests approved [See Website under Finances]*
- 6) **Responses to 90-Day Notice Letters**
  - *All proposed solutions accepted and will be monitored by staff*
- 7) **Requests for 40% Reimbursement in Non-Capital Cases**
  - *Requests had to be prorated at 18.3% due to depletion of Fund; all requests approved*
- 8) **Senior Judges Serving on Public Defender Boards (Rush County)**
  - *Resolution to allow Senior Judge to Service on Rush County Public Defender Board provided not handling Judicial matters in Rush County.*
- 9) **Comprehensive Plans: Madison, St. Joseph, and Wabash Counties**
  - *Plans Accepted*
- 10) **Policy Matters:**
  - A. **Guideline re Assignments Reported on Rolling 12-Month Period**
    - *Guideline will be posted on Website*
  - B. **Standard H - \$60 Hourly Rate for Assigned Counsel**
    - *Tabled*
  - C. **Counties Reporting Attorneys' Status as .75, or .80**
    - *Report on Full-time caseload worksheets*
  - D. **Length of Compliance Phase-In Plans (Tippecanoe Co.)**
    - *Tabled*
  - E. **Contract Attorneys Who Become Assigned Counsel**
    - *Tabled*
  - F. **Adequate vs. Inadequate Staff of Public Defense Attorneys**
    - *Tabled*
- 11) **Meeting Dates for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of 2007**
  - *List of possible dates will be sent to Commission members*